

Fifth Annual
**DOOR COUNTY
CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM**

Taking Action to Build a Resilient Planet



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In 2012, The Climate Change Coalition of Door County (CCDC) began as an informal association of concerned citizens. Our first Climate Change Forum was held just two years later, and the event was so well-received that it has become the centerpiece of our efforts to inform the public on the impacts of climate change and to communicate ways to make a difference at individual and community levels.

On Saturday, May 19, 2018, we invite you to share knowledge, experiences and lessons learned at our **Fifth Annual Door County Climate Change Forum**. This year, we are proud to present speakers whose involvements, whether global or local, serve as a model for action. Their work focuses on the crucial challenge of fostering individual and community engagement and the political will necessary to address the many threats presented by climate change.

If you sometimes find yourself intellectually and emotionally overwhelmed by the problems facing our planet, this year's Forum program, ***Taking Action to Build a Resilient Planet***, clearly demonstrates that large-scale problems are not solved only by large-scale actions. They are, in fact, solvable – and being solved – at all levels of participation: by our cities, towns and villages, our universities, our non-profit groups and our own households.

From the far reaches of Asia, Africa and Australia to local Wisconsin communities, our presenters have been instrumental in putting in place policies and initiatives that prove the benefits of taking action and accelerate the pace of positive change.

We hope you'll join us for this exciting, informative program. We promise you'll be engaged, enlightened and inspired to act.

The Climate Change Coalition of Door County Steering Committee

***“Only if we understand can we care.
Only if we care will we help.
Only if we help shall all be saved.”***

JANE GOODALL

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:00 AM **Registration, Continental Breakfast,
Information Booths**

9:00 AM ***Welcome & Introduction***

Roy Thilly

Former CEO of WPPI Energy and Co-Chair of
Governor Doyle's Global Warming Task Force (2007-8)

9:10 AM ***A Risky Climate for Cranes, Wetlands,
and Our World***

Rich Beilfuss

President & CEO, International Crane Foundation

Cranes serve as important flagships, modern-day "canaries in the coal mine," for environmental changes that threaten us all. They are among the most endangered families of birds on Earth and are highly vulnerable to climate change – especially in the places where habitat loss, water resources development, and invasive species are already exacting a toll on biodiversity. Our changing climate is affecting cranes across large parts of Asia, Africa, Australia, and the southwestern US. Rich will describe the Foundation's work to address the impact of climate change on a wide variety of crane habitats across the globe. In seeking to better manage water resources in the face of climate change, the Foundation draws from important lessons gained from two decades of engagement: that the needs of people, and the needs of cranes and many other species of plants and animals are often surprisingly compatible and linked strongly to healthy wetlands and watersheds. A future with cranes means a future with a healthier and more livable planet for all.

10:00 AM **Break & Refreshments**

10:20 PM ***Making the Transition to a Clean Global
Energy System Through Innovation***

Greg Nemet

Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin–Madison,
La Follette School of Public Affairs & the Nelson Institute
Center for Sustainability & the Global Environment.

Greg will discuss his work and ways in which public policy can facilitate the transition to an energy system that is cheap, clean, and reliable. Tradeoffs among these three goals have led to contentious debates, patchwork policies, and at times military con-

flict. Innovation in the way we produce and use energy has the potential to align these three goals and greatly reduce the tradeoffs among them. Greg studies energy innovation; that is, how energy technologies improve over time and what factors affect this improvement. He will discuss his current book project on understanding progress in the energy technology that has improved more than any other: solar photovoltaics. In *The One that Worked: How Solar Got Cheap*, he explains how the evolution of solar provides a successful model that we can apply to the array of other technologies we will need for a successful energy transition.

11:05 AM *Local Responsibility, Local Leadership, Local Action*

Tim Kabat, Mayor of La Crosse

Keith Reopelle, Director, Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change

Tim will discuss implementation of the City of La Crosse's strategic sustainability plan. He will describe the many small actions taken by the city, working in cooperation with La Crosse County and all facets of the community, that have made La Crosse a state-wide sustainability leader. Employing the Natural Step's energy benchmarking framework, as well as recommendations from the Wisconsin Energy Independent Communities, La Crosse established core goals to reduce fossil fuel consumption and community waste, raise community recycling rates, increase energy consumed from renewable resources, and procure environmentally preferred products. Tim will address obstacles overcome and astounding results that have saved the city money, significantly reduced its carbon footprint, and improved the health and well-being of the community.

Keith is working to make Dane County a state and national leader in mitigating the effects of climate change. As the first director of Dane County's new Office of Energy and Climate Change, he is leading the creation of a Climate Action Plan that will be comprised of a series of policies, programs, and projects. Once the report is adopted, Keith will oversee its implementation. Keith will also describe the dramatic progress the county has made in achieving its aggressive renewable energy and sustainability goals. His work includes outreach to businesses and the smaller communities throughout the county to develop goals and plans that will help de-carbonize the county's economy. He will talk about the exciting community projects that are underway or planned, the substantial progress that has already been made, and the economic benefits that will be realized.

12:15 PM **Break for Lunch**

1:10 PM **Panel Discussion**

2:15 PM **Adjourn**

Meet Our Presenters

Richard Beilfuss is President & CEO of the International Crane Foundation (ICF), a nonprofit organization working worldwide to conserve endangered cranes and the wetlands, grasslands, and agricultural systems on which they depend. Rich provides oversight, direction, and prioritization to ICF programs across Asia, Africa, and North America, working closely with ICF regional offices in China, Cambodia, India, Zambia, Uganda, South Africa, and Texas. From 1992 - 2006, he was responsible for developing and managing ICF's program in Africa, working with ICF staff and associates in more than 20 countries across the continent and spearheading public and private efforts to implement innovative water management practices in the water-stressed Zambezi River Basin for the benefit of cranes, many other species, and human livelihoods. From 2006 - 2009, he lived in Mozambique and served as Director of Conservation Services for Gorongosa National Park. Rich is a licensed professional hydrologist and teaches graduate courses in engineering and environmental studies at the UW-Madison and the University of Eduardo Mondlane-Mozambique. He is an avid unicycle rider, dart-thrower, and birder - but not all at the same time.

Gregory Nemet is an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the La Follette School of Public Affairs and the Nelson Institute Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment. He is also chair of the campus-wide Energy Analysis and Policy program. Greg's research and teaching focus on improving analysis of the global energy system and, more generally, on understanding how to expand access to energy services while reducing environmental impacts. He teaches courses in energy systems analysis, policy analysis, and international environmental policy.

Tim Kabat was elected Mayor of La Crosse in April 2013 with 64% of the vote and was re-elected in 2017 unopposed. He serves as Chief Executive Officer for city operations, including oversight and management of 17 departments and 520 employees. He develops and manages a \$71 million annual operating budget, long-term borrowing and debt service for the city. Prior to becoming Mayor, Tim's work experience included Executive Director of Downtown Main Street Inc., Associate Lecture at UW La Crosse, City Planning and Development Administrator, Agency Relations Manager for The Nature Conservancy in Madison, Madison Senior Planner and Sauk County Planning and Zoning Administrator. Mayor Kabat is a graduate of UW La Crosse and has a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Keith Reopelle is Director of the Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change. Previously he was the Senior Policy Director at state and regional levels. He has served on numerous energy and climate-related task forces and advisory committees. He was a member of Governor Doyle's Task Force on Global Warming where he served on the full Task Force and co-chaired the cap and trade working group. Keith also was a member of the Midwestern Governor's Association Greenhouse Gas Accord advisory committee and served on the group's modeling working group for two years where he helped advise on IPM and macro-economic modeling. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife ecology and a Masters of Science degree in environmental communications from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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